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**Navajo Family Assistance Services Office Announces the Closing Date
for Navajo School Clothing and Supplies Applications**

Window Rock, Ariz. – The Navajo Family Assistance Services (NFAS) office announced that as of Friday, December 17, 2021, 5:00 p.m., they will no longer accept Navajo School Clothing and Supplies (NSCS) applications for the School Year 2021-2022.

“The purpose of the NSCS program is to promote school attendance, encourage academic performance, and support self-confidence. As of today, the NFAS office has successfully assisted 6,839 school aged Navajo children for that purpose,” stated Raeann Metteba, NFAS Manager.

The NFAS office also announces that all pending NSCS applications missing required documentation will undergo a final review by January 3, 2022.

“We are aware that it is difficult to get through to an NFAS staff member due to the volume of telephone calls we get on a daily basis. If an application is missing information or documentation, an NFAS staff member will call or email the applicant. If you received an email or voicemail from NFAS office, please respond before January 3, 2022,” stated Metteba.

Looking ahead, the NSCS office is making steady progress to become an automated program. “As an automated program, NFAS will have an electronic eligibility determination process, a streamlined payment process and a more reliable database to answer applicant inquiries,” stated Deannah Neswood-Gishey, Division of Social Services Executive Director.

The NFAS office is also accepting and assessing applications for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), General Assistance, and Burial Assistance. The NFAS office will begin accepting Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) applications in January 2022.

For more information, contact your local NFAS office: **Window Rock, AZ** (928) 871-4664; **Chinle, AZ** (928) 674-2039; **Dilkon, AZ** (928) 657-8171; **Gallup, NM** (505) 726-2699; **Shiprock, NM** (505) 368-1522.

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